

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A conveying roller for a web or sheets in a ~~an interfolding~~ machine, comprising:

a first cylindrical shaped tubular body having interior and exterior surfaces and a plurality of radial holes arranged in substantially longitudinal rows;

a second fixed cylindrical shaped tubular body arranged coaxially within said first cylindrical shaped tubular body, said first cylindrical shaped tubular body capable of rotation relative to said second fixed tubular body, and two spaced stationary, but slidable sealing elements positioned between said first cylindrical tubular body and said second fixed tubular body, said two slidable sealing elements extending radially from said second fixed cylindrical shaped tubular body and adapted for slidably engaging with said interior surface of said first cylindrical shaped tubular body to define at least one suction chamber between said first and second cylindrical tubular bodies, said slidable sealing elements longitudinally oriented and extending for all the length of said roller, said second fixed tubular body defining at least one suction chamber for communicating with a suction generating system, said at least one suction chamber extending for all the length of the roller and suitable for being brought selectively in communication with at least one row of said radial holes during the relative rotation of said bodies,

~~wherein said second fixed tubular body is cylindrically shaped, said slidable sealing elements extending radially between said first and second bodies to define said at least one suction chamber,~~ said second fixed tubular body having at least one opening to said at least one suction chamber enabling said suction generating system to communicate with said suction chamber, and

~~wherein said first cylindrical tubular body comprises an inner surface and said slidable sealing elements engage resiliently with said inner surface,~~

wherein said slidable sealing elements comprise a fixed portion as means for forming a longitudinal guide and a bar within said guide, wherein said ~~which~~ a bar can slide and resiliently engage with said ~~inner~~ interior surface of said first cylindrical tubular body to form said slidable sealing ~~element~~ elements.

17. (Currently amended) A paper converting machine comprising the conveying roller according to Claim ~~14~~ 16.

18. (Previously presented) The paper converting machine according to Claim 17, which is a member selected from the group consisting of rewinding, winding and interfolding machines.

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